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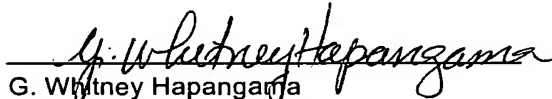
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Per the Examiner's conversation this morning with Travis Boone, this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed today for the Examiner's consideration. If a Notice of Allowance has already been mailed, the Examiner indicated that he would still consider the IDS and issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability if appropriate. The Examiner's courtesy is appreciated in this regard.

These documents are being filed before the receipt of the first Official Action on the merits or Notice of Allowance. Since these documents are being submitted within the time period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no fee or statement is required.

All of the listed documents were previously made of record in prior Application Serial No. 10/105,488, filed March 25, 2002, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided

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in 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, copies of the listed documents previously submitted by Applicants are not attached.

The documents cited in this Information Disclosure Statement include references cited on the face of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,727,306; 6,710,158; and 6,500,890, all assigned to Wellman, Inc., Shrewsbury, NJ. U.S. Patent No. 6,710,158 is a divisional of U.S. Patent No. 6,500,890. U.S. Patent No. 6,727,306 is a continuation of Application No. PCT/US01/48659 and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent No. 6,500,890.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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